



# **The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter**

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## ***January 2018 Newsletter***

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

February 9: Dave Arland gives his always informative summary of the latest and greatest from the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

March 9: Wayne Michael, AC9HP, on board to showcase QRP HF radios.

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### **Highlights from the December Holiday Dinner Meeting:**

The 2017 Holiday Dinner Meeting was held at the Castleton MCL Cafeteria. There were about 30 in attendance. The speaker for the evening was retired General Goodwin from the Indiana State War Memorials. General Goodwin oversees the operation and maintenance of the war monuments in Indianapolis, including the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Monument Circle and the Indiana War Memorial. General Goodwin gave a great presentation on what it takes to keep these monuments operating, along with some nice insight on how the monuments are received by veterans, especially those who served in World War II.

NOTE: The January meeting was cancelled due to unsafe driving conditions.

## **Ham Radio News:**

### **MARION COUNTY ARES NETS STILL ON 147.21**

Pending repairs to the 146.700 repeater, the Marion County ARES Wednesday night net is being held on the 147.210 repeater. The net is still held at 7:30 pm, with Newsline preceeding the net at 7:00 pm.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT**

March 24: Sam Costa Run in Hamilton County supported by HCARES/CIARA. Go to [http://volunteer.getmeregistered.com/events/open\\_opportunities.php?id=363](http://volunteer.getmeregistered.com/events/open_opportunities.php?id=363) to volunteer.

March 31: Carmel Marathon, supported by HCARES/CIARA.

May 5: 500 Festival Mini-Marathon. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer at [N9FEB@comcast.net](mailto:N9FEB@comcast.net) or at (317) 753-8691

May 26: 500 Festival Parade. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer.

October 6 - 7: Hilly Hundred Bicycle Event. Contact the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club rep Tom Myers, K9TEM at [tmyers@bluemarble.net](mailto:tmyers@bluemarble.net)

October 6: Lawrence Half Marathon. Contact Jeff Skinner, [NN7C@comcast.net](mailto:NN7C@comcast.net) to volunteer.

October 6: American Diabetes Assn. Tour-de-Cure. Contact Tony Stokes at [KU9V@arrl.net](mailto:KU9V@arrl.net) to volunteer.

November 3: Monumental Marathon. Contact Mike Palmer, N9FEB, to volunteer.

### **TRAINING CLASSES COMING UP IN HENDRICKS COUNTY**

Jan 31-Mar 21. HCARS sponsored Ham Training Class. All license classes available. Classes will meet every Wednesday night at the Senior Services Center:

1201 Sycamore Ln. Danville (directly behind Hendricks Regional Health)

TIME: 7-9pm.

TESTING will follow last class. Get the latest information at <http://hcars.org>.

## **HENDRICKS COUNTY HAMFEST IN BROWNSBURG COMING UP**

The Hendricks County Hamfest in Brownsburg, sponsored by the Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society (HCARS), will be on February 24, 2018. It will be at the Brownsburg American Legion Post 331, located at 636 E. Main Street. Vendor setup will be from 8am-9am the morning of the event. Doors open to the public at 9am. The event will run until 2pm. The ARRL Central Division Director - Kermit Carlson, W9XA, will be at the ARRL Central Division booth.

## **AREA WEATHER SPOTTER TRAINING ANNOUNCED**

Saturday, March 3: 9:00 am Hamilton County, 1:00 pm Hendricks County

Thursday, March 22: 3:00 pm Marion County

Tuesday, March 27: 6:30 pm Marion County

Point your browser to <http://www.weather.gov/ind/spotter#train> for more info.

## **GREENE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING EXPANSION**

We are pleased to announce The Greene County Commissioners and the Greene County Fair Board have approved the construction of a new building at the Fairground/Expo Center.

Greene County officials have decided to move forward with construction of a new building as it will continue to expand their presence in the region as a world class Exposition Center!

Hamvention certainly benefits from the decision to expand the Expo Center footprint. Construction is planned to be complete ahead of Hamvention 2018 and will be used for the event.

Additionally, another building on the property previously known as Fairgrounds

Furniture, is being vacated and will be available for use by Hamvention 2018. More details regarding the building sizes will be forthcoming but Hamvention is told the floor space added will cover an area larger than the tents Hamvention used in 2017. Although this decision was made to expand opportunities at the Expo Center, Hamvention is grateful for the support Greene County, Xenia Township, and the city of Xenia.

Ron Cramer, General Chair  
Jack Gerbs, Asst. Gen. Chair  
Michael Kalter, CFO/Official Spokesperson  
Hamvention

## **W1AW ACTIVE ON 6 METERS**

W1AW is now QRV on 50350 kHz for all its regular CW code practice, and CW, digital, and phone bulletin transmissions.

In addition to providing regularly scheduled transmissions on 6 meters, another goal is to act as a beacon on 6 meters, especially from the Northeast US.

Signal reports are welcome via an online page at, [http://www.arrl.org/w1aw\\_6m\\_srp](http://www.arrl.org/w1aw_6m_srp) . Reports may also be emailed to W1AW at, [w1aw@arrl.org](mailto:w1aw@arrl.org).

## **NEW TECHNICIAN LICENSE QUESTION POOL RELEASED**

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has announced the release of the 2018-2022 Amateur Radio Element 2 Technician class license question pool into the public domain. Each question pool must be published and made available to the public prior to its use as a question set, from which individual examinations are developed.

The new question pool, along with Errata, is available at <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=369>

The new Technician license question pool contains 428 questions. It will become effective for all Technician class license examinations starting on July 1, 2018.

## **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS**

Greenfield IN 46140-1100  
Sponsor: Hancock Cty ARC  
Date: Feb 10 2018  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel  
(317) 363-4674  
Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church  
1176 E McKenzie Rd  
Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407  
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP  
Date: Feb 10 2018  
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: James K. Rinehart  
(317) 721-1458  
Email: k9ru@arrl.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility  
4020 Georgetown Rd  
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Carmel IN 46032  
Sponsor: Central Indiana AR Assn.  
Date: Feb 17 2018  
Time: 4:30 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Joe March  
(317) 224-9433  
Email: jmarch54@att.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: St. Vincent Hospital  
13500 N Meridian St  
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Carmel IN 46032-1456

Franklin IN 46131-9025

Sponsor: Mid State ARC

Date: Feb 17 2018

Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman

(317) 523-9909

Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: REMC Building

750 International Drive

Franklin IN 46131-9025

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club

Date: Feb 20 2018

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Stephen M. Riley

(765) 425-4627

Email: smriley@hughes.net

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Madison County EOC

200 Delaware St

Anderson IN 46016-2238

## **FCC STATEMENT REGARDING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

“In the event of a partial government shutdown, because of available funding, the Federal Communications Commission plans to remain open and pay staff at least through the close of business on Friday, January 26,” the FCC said.

This means the FCC will continue to accept and process Amateur Radio license applications and grants at least for another week.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-announces-plans-for-partial-government-shutdown>

## **NASA ON THE AIR EVENT UNDER WAY**

The Amateur Radio clubs at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) centers around the US have invited the Amateur Radio community to join the NASA On The Air (NOTA) special event. NOTA kicked off in December and continues through December 2018. In addition to being the agency's 60th anniversary, 2018 marks 50 years since NASA orbited the first human around the moon, and 20 years since the first elements of the International Space Station (ISS) were launched into low-Earth orbit. Some clubs will offer commemorative QSL cards, and a special certificate will be available indicating the number of NASA club stations worked on various bands and modes. More information is available at

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/nasa-on-the-air-events-to-highlight-key-space-milestones>

## **FOR SALE**

National NCL-2000 Linear amp \$500

80-10 meters 1000 watts out plus.

Pair of RCA 8122 tetrodes

Input drive selectable 20W or 100W (either will drive the amp to full output)

This amplifier was donated to the Indianapolis Radio Club and I have checked it out and I am currently using it with my SB-104A.

Jim Rinehart K9RU

e-mail: [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)

Ph: 317 721-1458

## **FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER**

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

## **SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS**

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## Signals from the Past:

From the January, 1960 *Amachewer*:

Have you seen the new mikes for mobile operation? They allow the use of both hands for driving and make mobile operation a lot safer. *[Editor note: Kind of sounds familiar, doesn't it?]*

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- February 24: Hendricks County Hamfest in Brownsburg (see details elsewhere in newsletter)
- May 18-20: Hamvention 2018 (Formerly Dayton) More info at <http://hamvention.org/> **NOTE: We will have a bus going again this year. \$30 per person for bus. Additional details later.**

## 2018 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [davids@mediamachine.com](mailto:davids@mediamachine.com)
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